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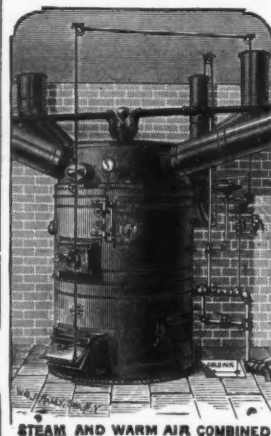
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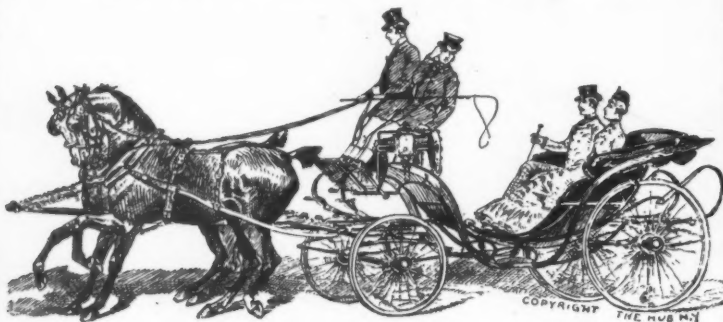
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TWO VOICES.

THE GROWLER.

I DO not like to be a man,
I'd hate to be a woman;
I do not like vile Nature's plan,
I'm sorry I am human.
I'd hate like time to be a beast,
Despise the fish's lot;
In fact, I'd care not in the least,
If I were not

THE HAPPY MAN.

I'm really glad I'm what I am,
Though I should never growl,
If I'd been born a silent clam,
A noisy beast or fowl;
Life suits me to a very T,
It seems one joyous psalm—
I simply overflow with glee,
Because—I am.

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THEATRICAL TERM—"AT LIBERTY."



"While there's Life there's Hope."

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SOME one of the genial contemporary critics was taking Mr. Andrew Lang apart the other day, because he had written a piece for a contemporary magazine about "the typical American;"—something, the critic intimated, he was quite incompetent to handle. Of course, he was, and the critic has Mr. Lang's own word for it, for he says so himself, very distinctly, in his very own article. Not that it signifies; for, of course, Mr. Lang's real purpose was not so much to describe the typical American, as merely to write a short essay for a magazine. He did it well, for it is a job that no one understands better than he.

SOME familiarity with the current magazines encourages the opinion that the primary purpose with which most of the articles in them are written, is not so much to impart information to the reader, or to relieve the writer's mind of any sort of pressure, as purely and simply for the sake of writing an article. It is a very pretty occupation to write for the magazines, and LIFE hasn't a word to say against it; only what is written for the sake of writing, should be read for the sake of reading, and not with any ulterior purpose of penance, the performance of a duty, or the acquisition of knowledge.

WHEREFORE, if any person affects any species of superiority, as being a reader of magazines, over other persons who are mere readers of newspapers, or of LIFE, maybe, itself, let him abate himself, and come down off of the roof of his self-esteem. If the magazines amuse him, well and good; he is repaid for his trouble; but if he thinks they will be received in evidence of culture, and of intellectual fibre, he shall be disappointed. The Court will not accept any such documents to any such end; it will insist on big, thick books; those in foreign languages preferred. The magazines are too frivolous—too "popular." It's no more austere virtuous any more to read them than to talk to a pleasant woman at an evening party. It is agreeable, of course, but that is all there is of it.

THAT was a bitter cry that Mr. Culbertson, of Texas, raised the other day, against American authors. They did not seem to be content, he said, to have the exclusive right to their writings for nearly half a century, but they proposed to force their own products on the people by enormously increasing the price of foreign literature. Mr. Culbertson thinks it is a pity about them, that they should be such imperial hogs. And yet, suppose Mr. Culbertson should patent a plough, and start in to manufacture it, and suppose some Englishman should invent a plough about the same time, nearly as good as his, and suppose Mr. Culbertson's rival American manufacturers should steal the Englishman's patent, and make ploughs on it, and having no royalties to pay, should undersell Mr. Culbertson in his own market to such an extent as to nullify, or very seriously impair the value of his patent, would Mr. Culbertson argue that the government had given him the exclusive right to his patent for nearly half a century, and that he ought to be satisfied, or would he grumble? Not knowing how fervent Mr. Culbertson's altruism is, LIFE can't tell precisely what he would do, but if LIFE was in the plough business, under the conditions indicated, it would make haste to find a new job. Now, if Mr. Culbertson patents a plough, the law will secure him a fair chance to make and sell it, but if he patent a book he can look out for himself, for the policy of the law as it stands is to let a man make a plough if he can, and a book if he must.

IT is distressing, by the way, to hear the talk about "protecting American authors against foreign competition." American authors don't want to be protected against foreign books; they only want to meet them on equal terms. A fair field and no favor is all they ask.

ALBEIT LIFE is somewhat saddened by the copyright bill's latest failure to connect, it firmly believes that much of the opposition to the measure rests upon a misapprehension of the effect of the law if it should pass, and much more upon an inadequate appreciation of the morals of the case. International copyright must come. It has justice on its side, and justice backed by a much greater measure of experience than people realize until they look close into the subject.

UNCLE DANA has permitted himself to talk about "the ordinary fools who write smart paragraphs for the country newspapers." Uncle Dana is a bold man. Why doesn't he say right out "The public be d—d," and have done with it?



NEXT!

LATEST FROM OUR BOSTON CORRESPONDENT.

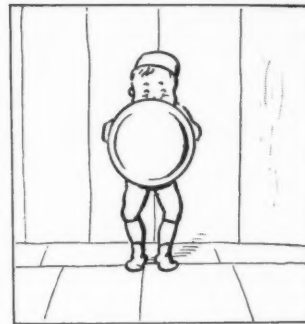
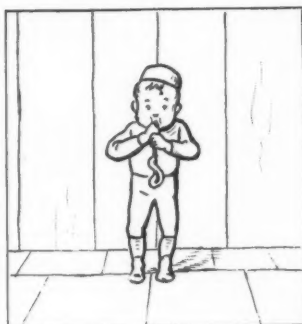
A PANACEA.

McCORKLE: I have discovered the true elixir of life.

McCRACKLE: What is it?

McCORKLE: Get sentenced to die by electricity.

"LIVES FROM HAND TO MOUTH"—The dentist.



OVERWEENING AMBITION.



"THE DESPAIR-BRINGING CULT."

A FEW days since, the *Figaro*—whatever its other faults, the surest echo of Parisian general impressions—opened its columns with the assurance that the rule of materialism was drawing to an end, that it had over-shot its mark, that irreligion was creating a desire for spiritualism, and some form, however vague, of faith—that the recognition of the superiority of the Ideal was rapidly replacing the despair-bringing cult of the day, hard, soulless materialism only.—*B. de Bury, in The April Fortnightly.*

THROUGH what strange wanderings do we come around again to the things we most believed in youth—to the gentle thoughts which good women inspired, to the simple "Gospel of Self-respect" which we saw embodied, day by day, in the life of an upright man! Learned men by mere force of intellect have impressed the world with the truth of certain scientific facts which point significantly back to the pit from which we sprang. The impressionable body of men who write, have looked in the direction indicated by the savants, and have filled their books with records of the unsightly carcasses which mark the stages of evolution from brutality to spirituality. This is a process which is still going on, and which the literary observer has a right to study. He has been industriously studying it, looking backward, toward despair.

And now, it seems in France at least, he has turned his eyes in another direction, and is looking forward with a vague desire for something better, if not with a great hope. By and by the rest of the writing world will follow the lead of France, in this, as in all other arts, and we shall have spirituality overdone, just as we have had a surplus of materialism.

Through all these tides of thought and feeling (which make, one may venture to assert, a broader mark on letters than on life) there persists a fine body of men and women, unaffected by the despair or the exaltation, who serenely, confidently, hopefully, live out their lives and do the world's work. These have received the traditions of right living from

other strong men and women, and not from books—from homes and not from libraries, from firesides and not from clubs.

NOTES.—Mr. John Hay has made a revision of his "Poems," collecting the earlier and later in one attractive volume, which shows how versatile is the man who can write "Jim Bludso" and "The Law of Death" (Houghton).

To the series of biographies of Eminent Actors, William Archer has contributed a compact study of "Macready," in which all shades of opinion in regard to his art and character are given a fair showing, with, however, the very apparent sympathy of the biographer for his subject—which is as it ought to be. (Longman's).

Another biography, of special interest to boys and young men, is "Horatio Nelson" (Putnam's) in the series on Heroes of the Nations. W. Clark Russell, the writer of sea stories, is peculiarly well-fitted to narrate this appreciative life of the great Admiral. *Droch.*

NEW BOOKS.

- DAY AND NIGHT STORIES.* By T. R. Sullivan. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.
Expiation. By Octave Thanet. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.
The Lawton Girl. By Harold Frederic. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.
The Captain of the Janizaries. By James M. Ludlow, D.D., Litt.D. New York: Harper & Brothers.
Beatrice. By H. Rider Haggard. Illustrated. New York: Harper & Brothers.
Youma. By Lafcadio Hearn. New York: Harper & Brothers.
In Her Earliest Youth. By Tasma. New York: Harper & Brothers.

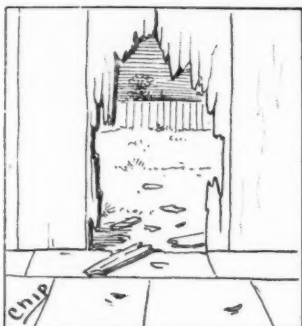
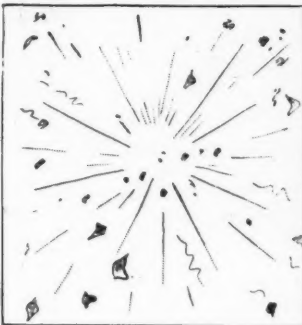
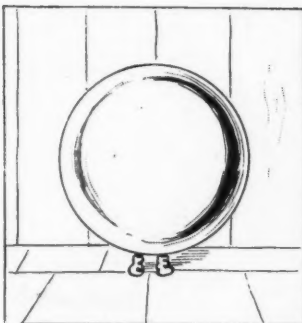
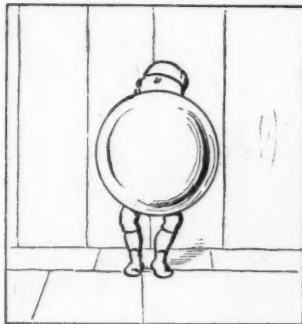
KEEPING IT GOING.

"POETS are said to learn in suffering what they teach in song."

"Yes; and then other people do the suffering."

SHE: How can the steamer ever find its way to Fall River such a foggy night?

HE: Oh, the pilot knows the wee sighs of Rhode Island and just follows the Sound.



A WILLING MAID.

He: ARE YOU SURE YOU COULD BE HAPPY WITHOUT ME?
She: I'M WILLING TO TRY.

BATTENBERG'S JOKE.

QUEEN VICTORIA: I tell you, Batt, our noble Gold-Stick-in-Waiting, is a daisy.

BATTENBERG: I think you have made a horticultural error, O Imperial mother-in-law. He cannot be a daisy. He is more of a golden rod.

AN OBJECT LESSON.

MRS. BROWN: Do you know what you re mind me of when you go around the house in your stocking feet?

BROWN: A tacks-gatherer. Hopping hornets! Why don't you be careful, woman, when you put down the carpet?



FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GIRL IS A



E GIRL IS ABOUT TO GRADUATE.



"I CALLED ON MRS. SNAP, TO-DAY, AND FOUND HER BATHING THE BABY IN THE WASH-TUB. HAVEN'T THEY A BATH-ROOM?"
 "YES, BUT HER HUSBAND IS AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER."

AN INTERRUPTION AT THE WEDDING.

"JOHN," said the minister, "will you take this woman to be your wedded wife?"

"Now, here, parson, what's the use of asking questions like that? What do you suppose I am after; a divorce?"

MODERN SOCIETY.

HE (*making a party call*): I think party calls are great bores; don't you?

SHE (*receiving*): Yes, indeed.

UNSUCCESSFUL STRATEGY.—A TALE OF THE FLORIDA EVERGLADES.



AN EXAMPLE WORTH FOLLOWING.

IT may send a thrill of horror down the spine of the Metropolitan Museum to learn that the Museum of the Peabody Academy of Science, at Salem, Massachusetts, is now open to the public on Sunday afternoons.

As Salem is the original home of the Puritans, this news will be a cruel blow to the trustees of the Metropolitan Museum. That the Salem trustees are moved to this step by a desire to debauch the public is a theory that will not be universally accepted.

The obvious difference between these two institutions is that one is controlled by a body of benevolent and liberal-minded men in honest sympathy with the working public, while the other is under the unfortunate management of a handfull of individuals whose admiration for their own piety is out of all proportion to their usefulness.

AT YALE.

SMITHERS (*who has been selected to row on the University eight*): I am sorry, Captain, but I don't think I will row this year. I am going to study, and study hard.

CAPTAIN OF THE CREW: Indeed! Well, I want you to stop this d—n fooling and get into that boat!

Smithers gets.

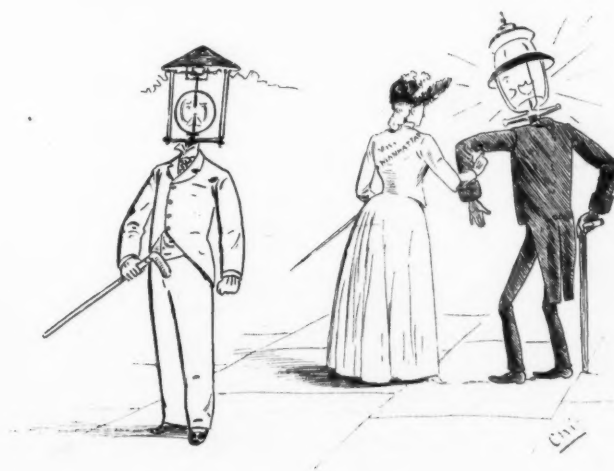
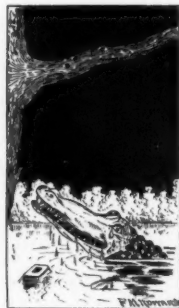
A WOMAN OF RESOURCES.

POET (*in despair*): Wife, the wolf is at the door. What shall we do?

POET'S WIFE: Go up on the second floor, lasso him with the clothes-line, and we'll cook him.

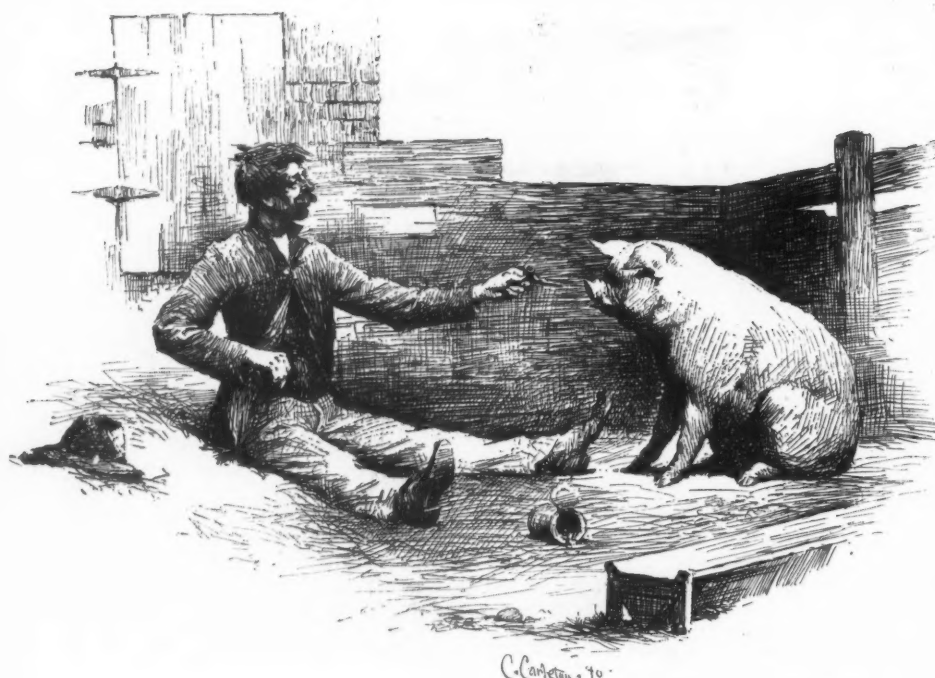


Edith (*who has been given one of the Edison phonographic dolls*): I AM SO SLEEPY, MAMA! CAN'T DOLLY SAY MY PRAYERS FOR ME?



THE ELECTRIC LIGHT.

“BY JOVE! IT'S HARD ON A YOUNG BUCK TO BE CUT OUT BY AN OLD FOOL LIKE THAT.”



C. Carter. '90.

Back-number Mullix (awakening suddenly): WELL, FRIEND; NOW YOU'VE CLEANED OUT ALL TH' COLD GRUB IN THAT TOMATTUS-CAN, P'HAPS YOU'D LIKE A PULL AT THIS.

THE TROUBLE IS SPREADING.

JUPITER (*over the Olympian telephone*): Hello, General Greely!

GEN. GREELY: Hello!

JUPITER: I am very sorry, but I must cancel your last order for thunderstorms.

GEN. GREELY: What is the matter?

JUPITER: The Cyclops have gone on strike for an eight hour day, and I'm running short of thunderbolts.

WHERE IT WAS.

MOTHER (*reading nursery rhyme*): There was an old woman who lived in a shoe. She had—

ALICE: But where was the shoe, mama?

MOTHER: In Chicago, dear.

THE question of the day —What's the score?

TIPS.

THOUGH you and I have plighted faith,
To wed me you've consented,
Though all my rivals envy me,
Alas! I'm not contented.

Your lips are curved like Cupid's bow,
Pink like a rose leaf fair;
They yield their sweets—if I have brought
A costly bonbonnière.

I fee the waiter, fee the cook,
The bell-boy, clerk, and porter,
I meekly strew my daily path
With bill and dime and quarter.

But when I cannot take your hand,
Or even touch your lips
Without a bribe, I too rebel,
And say, "Abolish tips." C. T.

WATER WAS THERE, TOO.

WIND: Hello, Fire, I hear you went to the theatre last night?
FIRE: Yes; but they put me out.

"**S**O old Skinem is dead?"

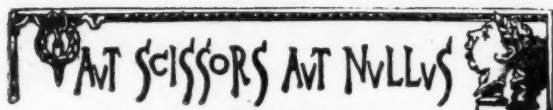
"Yes, I fear he has gone to that country from whose burn no traveler returns."



A PROMISING YOUTH.

Father: VAT FOR YOU GET SOOCH A BIG HAT?

Son: WHY, FADDER, YOU ALWAYS TOLT ME TO GET DER MOST FOR MY MONEY.



IN SOME CASES, YES.

BENEATH a fair exterior

A rascal often lurks;

It is true of men and watches:

You may tell them by their works.

—Pittsburgh Bulletin.

"It seems that electricity is not such a speedy method of capital punishment as its advocates have claimed."

"How is that?"

"Why, here they haven't killed that man Kemmler yet."—*Lowell Citizen.*

GOODFELLOW (nearing Jollyfellow's house very late at night after a "time" at the club): I shay, Jollyfellow, zhe there. There's burglar getting into your house by zhe window.

JOLLYFELLOW: So he is. Shay, wait a (hic) wait a little. My wife'll zhink he's me and (hic) she'll half kill him.—*New York Weekly.*

CITIZEN: How do you know that Col. Seekum will be a candidate for the coming election?

POLITICIAN: How do I know? He emphatically declares that he cannot, under any circumstances, be induced to run. Then he invites us all to take a drink.—*Chicago Times.*

A NORTH-OF-ENGLAND BISHOP had among his parishioners a worthy, but rather rough fellow, who was in the habit of using a good deal of profanity in his speech. Upon being remonstrated with, he exclaimed:

"Well, d——n it, I say what I mean, and I believe in calling a spade a spade."

"Indeed," replied the bishop, "I thought you would call it a d——d old shovel."—*Argonaut.*

"WELL, I'll be hanged!" he gasped, as he sat on the windowsill in the post-office yesterday with an open letter in his hand.

"What's the matter?" queried the friend with him.

"Why, I advertised for a lady correspondent—not over 25—lively—brunette preferred. Here is my first answer."

"Any name signed?"

"Yes, 'Maude,' but I know the writing. It's my wife's own hand, and she is a blonde, very dull, and over 40 years old! Just think of her cheek in answering such an ad! No wonder our sex has lost its confidence in women."—*Detroit Free Press.*

CHOLLY LITEWAITE (member of the Hightone Athletic Association): Aw, I thay, doctah, I'm tewwibly afwaid there'th thome-thing the matter with my arm. I've been exerthithing with the Indian clubb for about thix months, and there'th a gweat lump on my forearm. Do you—can it be an—an abtheth?

DOCTOR (feeling his arm): My dear young man, I really—

CHOLLY: Oh, what, for pity'th sake?

DOCTOR (gravely): I really believe you're actually getting a little muscle.—*Lawrence American.*

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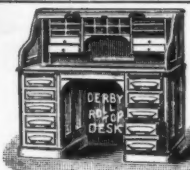
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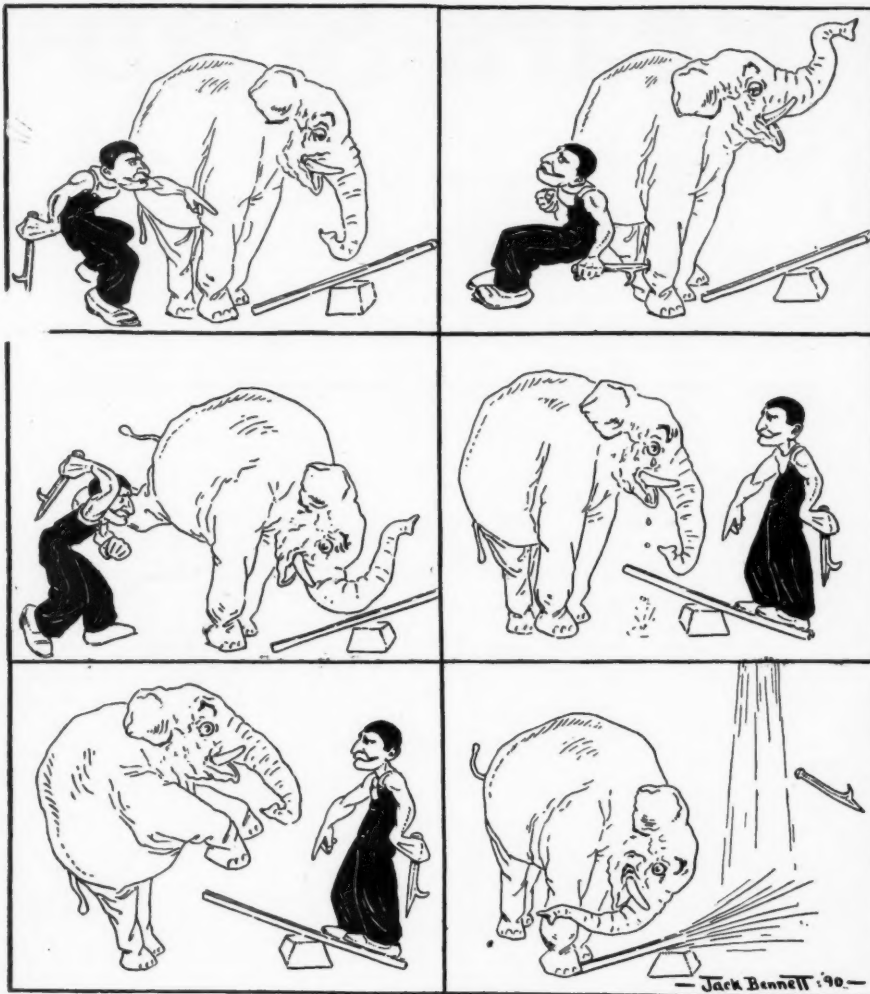
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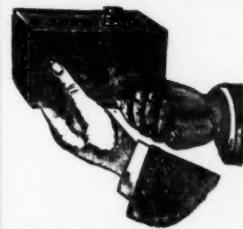
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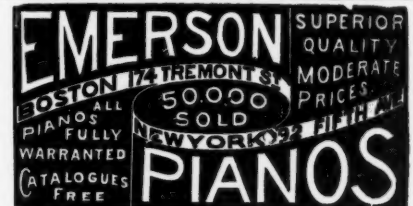
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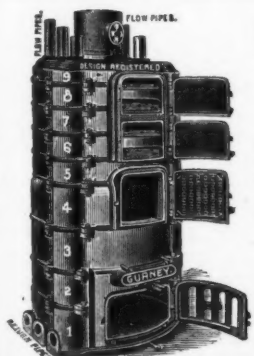
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